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JOLIET JUNIOR COLLEGE FALL FORMAL QUEEN CANDIDATES



One member of this group or Joliet Junior College girl will be elected by the student body to reign as Queen of the Fall Formal on Friday evening, November 26, 1954. Those pictured are: (sitting) Audrey Smigay, Alyce Burke, Carol Anderson; (standing) Marion DuBois, Sylvia Juricic, Phyllie Olivo, JoAnn Ruffing; (not pictured) Carole Hillar.

TONY PRINCE ORCHESTRA
TO PLAY FOR DANCE

by John Lockill
On November 26, Joliet Junior College will hold its ga-

la attraction of the school year, the annual Fall Formal. This year's Formal will be the highlight of the social calendar with the ever-pop-

ular music of Tony Prince and his orchestra, who play "the music you want when you want it."

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TO BE OR NOT TO BE

Many students have raised the question: Why don't we have a Blazer?

There have been many heated points of view on this subject.

Outstanding among these reasons are lack of interest and time on the students' part. Quite a few attempts have been made to stir up interest in a Blazer. Last year, a meeting was held which eleven supposedly interested students attended. Little by little, this number dwindled to a mere three. As everyone well knows, it takes more than three people to put out a paper in their spare time.

Some students feel that the Spectator column and student paper are unduly censored and are therefore not interested in writing for a censored paper (as they put it). These same few students complain about the quality of the written material, saying it has too many journalistic errors. We think all should keep in mind that the students who write for the paper are volunteers. Many of them have little, if any, training. Mrs. Carter, who has been helping us with the paper, would gladly correct these errors. But then the students object to having written material changed, saying it has been censored. It is true that some of the material has been disregarded because of the questionable remarks in it referring to other students.

Our paper has a fine staff which is working very hard to please the students. We have already found out that no matter how hard we try, there will always be a few dissatisfied students. If anyone has any complaints or suggestions he would like to have printed in the paper, we will be most happy to consider these, provided the person signs his name to the contribution.--Patsy Bajt.

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The staff, from "top brass" to "shoe button" wants to thank Dean Rowley for his interest and encouragement.--C.O.

W. A. A. ACTIVITY AWARD EARNED BY GIGLIETTE, HARRIS

Two girls now in school are holders of the W. A. A. activity award, a "JCA" letter emblem given at the end of each year. They are Virginia Gigliette and Gloria Harris. This award is earned by completion of eight hours each of ten different activities, the student attending a minimum of six sessions of each.

Most recent of the events sponsored by the W. A. A. was the "Splash" party the evening of November 20 at the Y. M. C. A. Refreshments consisting of barbecues and trimmings, potato chips and pop were served. All W. A. A. women were invited without charge.

Miss Gigliette, president of the W. A. A., was in charge and Marjo Seron was chairman of refreshments and clean-up. Miss Wanda Stasieluk is faculty sponsor of the group.

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TONY PRINCE

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This year's decorations will be more colorful than ever with the beautiful reds and golds of autumn being prevalent throughout the entire color scheme of the dance. The side walls will be a representation of New York's most fabulous nightclub in their full glory. The refreshment stand will show striking similarity to Central Park. For the Queen's throne, there will be an abstract building as a backdrop, while the throne itself will be a mimic of Queensborough, New York. All this carries out the theme of the dance, "Autumn in New York."

Preceding the Formal each year is the election of the college Queen to reign over
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ALPINE DANCERS COME

TO J. J. C. DECEMBER 1

Wednesday, December 1, the Joliet Township High School and Junior College auditorium will be turned into a full variety show, Straight from the Austrian Alpine highlands. "The Gay Tyrolians" return for another great coast-to-coast tour.

These fun-loving singers and dancers--fourteen men and women direct from Kitzbuhel, Austria--present their native songs and dances to the music of zither, accordian and guitar. All songs and dances are ancient folklore which has been handed down from generation to generation, whose composers are unknown. The songs always refer to the mountains, the farms and the life of the mountaineers.

Wherever the Tyroleans have appeared in their native costumes, they have captivated their audiences.

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DR. LEWIS HOBBS TALKS

ON WORLD TODAY SERIES

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Dr. Lewis Hobbs gave an impressive talk on, "What Psychiatry Can Mean to You" on November 17. He brought advice, and practical, down-to-earth information on a subject most people know little about to J. J. C.'s World Today Series audience.

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ZOLLA IS CARTOONIST

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Virginia Zolla, a sophomore from Lockport high school, is our cartoonist. Before coming to J. J. C., she was a member of Quill and Scroll, a national high school journalism professional fraternity which has members in high schools in cities throughout the country.



IF THE SHOE FITS, WEAR IT!

by Kathe Benton

The other day, as I was walking down the hall, I just missed being hit by a flying missile. Closer observation showed it wasn't a flying missile after all, but a hassock from the lounge. I was wondering who had "blown his top" whom, when two or three of our fine outstanding students came tearing down the hall after the hassock. To me, it seemed that they could have gone out onto the football field to practice these passes and used a football instead of a hassock. The language they were using could have been done away with entirely.

I realize that at the present time our lounge is not something that "Better Homes and Gardens" would feature. However, in a few months we are going to have a neat-looking lounge. What I'm wondering is, how long will it stay that way? We rant and rave about how we don't have this and we

don't have that! Yet, after what I saw happen with the lounge furniture, I wonder why we have anything at all.

Here are just a few suggestions to keep in mind regarding our furniture and school atmosphere:

1. Keep your big feet off the furniture. No one likes to sit down with clean clothes and walk away with dust all over them.
2. The furniture is to sit on, not to throw around. I would like to see anybody throw a sofa cushion on the floor at home and get away with it.
3. Give everyone a chance to use the equipment.
4. If you want to "mouth-off", take a long walk outside. The majority of the students don't think it's smart or adult to use profane language, whether it's in the lounge or the classroom.
5. Last but not least, have

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PARKING LOT RULES

Joliet Junior College now has four separate parking areas. The large parking lot at the southwest corner of the school at Jefferson street and Eastern avenue and the small triangular lot at the southwest corner of Jefferson and Harkimer streets are both restricted to parking permits from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on school days.

Members of the school should be sure that the parking permits are affixed to their windshields when parking there.

The parking lot on the east side of COLLINS street, just north of VAN BUREN street, is restricted.

The parking lot just east and north of the heating plant is restricted to employees of J.T. and J. J. C. Student parking is prohibited.

These parking facilities are to the advantage of everyone and we as students of J. J. C. should maintain these facilities by following the rules as given above. Clip this article and keep it for reference.

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IF THE SHOE FITS

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some appreciation for what our school does give us. Let's use some of that energy cheering at our games or dancing at a mixer. If all you can do is complain, go to another school, we won't miss you.

Let's all get on the ball and help Student Council to help us. Thanks to all the students who help make our school outstanding. But--for the rest of you--IF THE SHOE FITS, WEAR IT !

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ENGINEERS CLUB PROMOTES
INTEREST IN CAREERS
FOR STUDENTS

The main purpose of the Engineers Club is to promote interest in all the possibilities, and advantages of careers in engineering and progress in the field, according to its student leaders: Hon. Hoendervoogt, president; Bill Facinelli, vice-president; and Anthony Pirc, secretary-treasurer.

The club, under the sponsorship of Mr. Castle, holds its meetings once a month. These meetings are planned to bring to members of the club various speakers chosen from leading industries.

The last meeting held brought forth the club's nominee for Queen of the Fall Formal, Alyce Burke.

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REPORTER COMMENTS ON
SWING BAND
by Perry Rudman

As we all know, Joliet is a musical town and, as can be expected, we really have some swinging boys around. Our college Swing Band should really rock, as we have some real "cats" who are going to be members. Bill Carnegie, Bill Lauderdale, Bill Pappas, Gene Korst, Gary Hicke, and Chuck Lewis are some of the "cool cats" who compose the outfit. With an organization like that, how can we miss?

The Band plays a very notable type of music. They "cut" such things as Stan Kenton arrangements, Les Brown's, Count Basie's, and many others.

All we can say to Dr. Hal Dellinger, the director, is to "Swing, Man, Swing!"

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Boost our school.

ANNOUNCE GERSHWIN SONGS
FOR MAY MUSIC PROGRAM

The Joliet Junior College Choir has chosen "A Tribute to George Gershwin" for its annual "Spring Musical" which will be held May 18 and 19. Dr. Hal Dellinger and Mr. Edward Bishop are working hard on arrangements for the choir, band and the Quintones. The choir has already started to work on "The Man I Love". The Quintones are working on "Love Is Here to Stay".

Gershwin was one of the foremost American composers of musical comedy and popular songs, and was particularly noted for melodies characterized by ingenious rhythms and harmony. The lyrics for nearly all of his songs were written by his brother, Ira Gershwin.

Gershwin also wrote music for a number of motion pictures. As his career progressed he became interested in writing music which would employ the jazz idiom in larger musical forms than the popular song. His famous "Rhapsody in Blue" was written on invitation of the band leader, Paul Whiteman.

"Rhapsody in Blue" will be used in the "Musical" as background music for the second scene. Other songs to be used in the "Musical" are: "Love Is Here to Stay", "The Man I Love", "I've Got a Crush On You", "Strike Up the Band", "I Got Rhythm", "Somebody Loves Me", "Embraceable You", and "Of Thee I Sing".

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WEATHERFORD DRAWS BANNER

Jerry Weatherford is the artist who drew the name-plate for the Blazer.

JUNIOR COLLEGE OFFICE CLERK IS KNOWN AS AUTHOR;
WROTE PRIZE-WINNING VERSE AS STUDENT IN SCHOOL
by Jo Ann Gustafson

When Charlotte Carter was hired by the Junior College, the office not only received an efficient clerk but also a journalism major. Because of her experience in journalism, she has been asked to assist the students who are writing for the Blazer and the Spectator column, "The Wolf Call".

Throughout high school in Minneapolis and college days at Cornell (Ia.), she has taken an active part in editing school publications and in writing for them, with numerous prizes to her credit. She was editor of The Cornellian, the student newspaper.

Mrs. Carter is also known for writing a great deal of poetry. She started to write poems when she was first able to use a pen and pencil. Her inspirations for writing came from very small incidents and quite often she would write her lessons in poetry.

The selection below was written when Mrs. Carter was in college. It was first printed in "The Husk", a college literary quarterly which has been in continuous publication for over thirty years. Copies are available in the Junior College library.

PARADOX

Three words spoken
Cleave an abyss--
Three words spoken,
And a kiss.

Not hunger appeased
Nor hunger starved
Can fill the chasm
The three words carved,

Nor all the sorrow
Of ten million years
Brim its high banks

With dammed-up tears.

Words that were spoken
Binding two--
Yet they have broken
Me from you.

When she was seventeen, Mrs. Carter won third place among thousands of contestants in a national poetry contest sponsored by Forum & Century Magazine for college and university students. This is the poem which received the prize.

PIGEONS

Bronze-burnished gleam the
round slate breast, the
white
Curved neck, sleek head, the
silent spreading wings
That circle steeply in the
smoky light
Of morning. Pigeons are con-
tented things
That walk pink-toed upon the
cold damp stone
And soften the harsh still-
ness of the air
With the low melancholy of
their tone.
They quarrel not with God,
nor do they care
If He has hands or feet or
eyes to see,
Or if, when all ecstatic
flight is done,
Their feathers rot outside
eternity,
Or souls exist. They bask
in the warm sun
Nor question the duration of
the day
Whose end not all their wis-
dom could delay.

Her poems have brought favorable comments from Carl Sandberg, Joseph Warren Beach of the University of Minnesota, and other critics.

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the festivities. Following are names of the candidates and some facts about each one:

Carole Hiller (W. A. A.)--is an attractive 5' 9" freshman, 18 years old, majoring in economics. Her main ambition is to be a successful housewife after she graduates.

Carol Anderson (Cheerleaders)--the other Carol in the race for Queen is likewise attractive, but the difference is that she spells her name without the "e" on the end. She is majoring in pre-education.

Alyce Burke (Engineers)--is at the present time pursuing a nursing course which she hopes some day will turn into reality with her becoming a nurse. She is 5'10", attractive and intelligent.

Audrey Smigay (J. J. C. Players)--is one of the few sophomores participating in this election. She is taking a pre-education course, as are several of the candidates. Looks like good-looking teachers in the future--no insult to our present teachers meant.

Sylvia Juricic (S. M. S.)--is taking a liberal arts and science course which she is pursuing with a great deal of interest. She is a pretty brownette with a ready wit and a fine personality.

Phyllis Olive (Student Council)--also is a sophomore taking pre-education. She has brown hair, is 5'4" and has a delightful personality which is very evident when you engage her in conversation.

JoAnn Ruffing (Monogram Club) is majoring in physical education. She is short, cute, has brown hair and her nickname is "Shingles". Here is
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WOLVES DEFEAT NORTH PARK

19-7; END FOOTBALL SEASON

by Charles Bray

The "Wolves" successfully ended their 1954 football season by up-ending North Park J. C., 19-7. Pete Vaira scored in the first quarter on runs of 10 and 8 yards respectively. Both extra point attempts were blocked.

In the second quarter Sam Pribish scored from 4 yards out for the final T. D. Bud Fazio's conversion was successful and gave the "Wolves" a 19-0 half-time advantage.

Dan Rapoa and Ron Davajon combined runs of 10 and 20 yards, however, to make the score 19-7 in the third period. This T. D. turned out all hopes of a Joliet shut-out.

Outstanding linemen were: Bud Fazio, Elmer Giampaolo, Sherald Gordan, Brunch Lehman, and Paul Birsaa.

Individual Statistics:

Joliet	Att.	Dist.	Avg.
Bray	11	67	6.1
Giarrante	7	34	4.9
Vaira	11	49	4.5
Pribish	7	26	3.7
Caesidy	4	17	4.2

North Park	Att.	Dist.	Avg.
Brickson	6	27	4.8
Garretson	4	28	7.0
Davajon	9	23	2.6
Dahl	2	20	10.0
Rappa	7	16	2.3

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ROVING REPORTER

During the last two weeks your Roving Reporter, Bob Krause, has roamed the halls of J. J. C. and inquired on this question: "What have you to be thankful for on Thanksgiving?" Among the people asked were these students

J. J. C. Hoopsters

Start Practice

White gym shoes, sore feet and the sound of whistles marked the entrance of the 1954-55 basketball season. This year the "Wolves" will have a powerful squad which may compare with the teams of 49, 50, 51 and 52. Those teams were undefeated and rated in the nation. Such names as Rudy Skul, Bob Whyte, Tom Williams, Don Laketa, Bob Jenkins, and Ray Pekar will be remembered as J. J. C. stars.

Vets Buggie Haller, Bob Ross, Pete Grubisich and Charlie Sing form a strong foundation for the "Wolves". And such newcomers as Bob Penosky, Pete McBride, Sherald Gordon, Don Ruten, Dave Hann, and John Lesnick will provide ample reserve strength and plenty of pressure on the lettermen.

The first home game was on November 23 against Purdue Extension.

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yet another girl who is extremely popular around J. J. C.

Marian DuBois (Choir)--is taking a general course. She has black hair and is short and petite. It seems that we run into a great deal of repetition in talking about these girls, but, like the other girls, Marion is popular, attractive and has a fine personality.

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and here are their answers:

Bugs Haller--"Thankful for all the good-looking fellows roaming the halls of J. J. C."

Marion DuBois--"Thankful that Bob Krause has a strange

CHEERLEADERS WRITE

CONSTITUTION FOR CLUB

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"Yea, purple, yea, white, yea, Joliet, let's fight!" is a favorite cry of the new Cheerleaders in Junior College.

The Cheerleaders in their new outfits of purple sweaters and white slacks added a ray of color as they performed at all the football games.

Although the football season is over, the Cheerleaders are now busy making new outfits for basketball. These are to be purple skirts with white blouses and knee socks. Since there is only one boy, Robert Johnson, who is captain of the squad, he will not wear a skirt.

There are nine Cheerleaders including Bob. They are: Bonnie Reid, co-captain; Lynn Theilmann, Carol Anderson, Jeanne Swinford, Lois Shoemaker, Sally Blatt, and two substitutes Carolyn Smith and Joyce Smith.

The Cheerleaders have organized themselves as a club and are recognized by the Student Council. They are busy now writing a constitution for their club.

Along with writing a constitution, they are busy trying to promote their candidate for the Fall Formal, Carol Anderson, a Cheerleader. The Cheerleaders are hoping that there will be more attending the basketball games than were at the football games.

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fascination for me."

Bob Bloomfield--"Happy that hunting season is open."

Madeline Martin--"Thankful that I have Miss Adler for English."

Carole Hiller--"Thankful that John Leskill is running my campaign for J. J. C. Queen."

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ORGANIZATION DEVELOPS

CHARACTER, PERSONALITY

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"The cultivation of Christian ideals, attainment of Christian character and personality, and the development of a high type of womanhood," is the purpose of the Y-Gradale.

Although a well-known organization in other cities, this is the club's second year in Joliet. Regardless of race or creed, any young woman of college age who follows the club ideals is eligible for membership. At present, there is a representation of at least five different religions within the club membership.

Carole Gardiner presides over the group. Aiding her are Jan Richardson, vice-president; Alyce Burke, secretary; and Bev Scinski, treasurer. The standing committees include program, service, membership, inspiration, social-sport, and publicity.

Several programs have already been presented. Dr. Lynn Taylor spoke on the search for the "Holy Grail", for which Y-Gradale is named. Alex Caroti, of Honolulu, Hawaii, brought his ukelele for an evening spiced with Hawaiian music.

The club also sponsored a hayrack ride which ten couples attended. On November 6 there was a non-date "splash" party at the YMCA.

The club's main goal is service to others. Toward this goal support has been given to the Community Chest. Plans are on foot for a program at which members will aid the Red Cross in making bandages.

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ROVING REPORTER

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Rich Flaminio—"Thankful for the food on the table."

J. C. PLAYERS HELP GIVE
SPRING COLLEGE PRODUCTION

Most students attending J. J. C. have heard of the J. C. Players. However, very few know the aim of the club or what it does.

The aim of the organization is to develop intelligent interest in dramatics of our school, to encourage students to attain a better mastery of the language, to develop poise and self-confidence, and to appreciate dramatic literature and its technique.

The club presents plays for public production and programs for outside groups. In the spring, the members take part in the junior college play or help with its production in some form. However, any junior college student is eligible to try out for the play. The club also sponsors some school affairs.

Meetings are held once a month at the homes of various members. Old and new business is discussed, some form of program is given for the members' entertainment, and refreshments are served.

Officers are elected by the members once a year. This year's officers are: Patey Rajt, president; Margie Hammon, vice-president; Sandy Morrill, secretary-treasurer; Jerry Behringer, Student Council representative. The sponsor for the club is B. F. Johnston.

All students interested in dramatics in any form, are welcome to join J. J. C. Players.

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Bob Shive—"I'm thankful for the grand opportunity J. J. C. is giving me to meet a lot of nice girls."

Richard Reeder—"Thankful to have a few days off."

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S. M. S. TAKES SERIOUS
VIEW OF MEDICAL SCIENCES

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"The meeting will now come to order," says Jean Rowley, the new president of S. M. S.

Also taking over their newly elected jobs are: Carolyn Schmitz, vice-president; Joyce Giegorch, secretary; and Sher-ald Gordon, treasurer.

On October 21, the S. M. S. club members toured the laboratories of Silver Crose Hospital. Miss Bernadine Baackler of the Silver Crose Hospital staff was the hostess and demonstrator of the tour. A film was shown at the nurses' home on "Arteriosclerosis" and Dr. Fitzpatrick gave a speech on it. The refreshments were served on a beautifully decorated autumn table and cider and doughnuts were enjoyed by all.

The S. M. S. held a Student Talent Night on November 4 and several club members gave interesting talks. Jean Howley spoke about her experiences working at a cerebral palsy camp and Don Jerzyckis explained blood sedimentation rate and he also showed several blood microscopic slides to the club. The film, "Diaphragmatic Hernia", from Dr. Max Thorek, who is the founder of International College of Surgeons, was shown to the group.

On Veterans' Day, November 11, the S. M. S. toured the Edward Sanatorium for Tuberculosis in Naperville, Ill. In addition to a complete tour, the nationally recognized Jerome Read lectured on the problems and diagnosis of tuberculosis. Also on Veterans' Day, the club visited

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the Physiological Medical Research Center of the Argonne National Laboratory. This is where the latest in biological research is in progress.

A meeting of S. J. S. was held on November 17. Willette Sherwood, regional manager of the American Heart Association spoke to the club. A film was shown on the removal of the lung. The S. M. S. was very fortunate to be able to see this interesting film which was provided through the courtesy of Davis and Geck, Inc. of New York City.

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BRIGHT NEW FACE TO BE PUT ON STUDENT LOUNGE BY NEXT TERM

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The re-modeling of the lounge is by no means being limited as to expense. It is being re-done from top to bottom.

First, comes the removal of the present lighting fixtures and the replacement of them by three large hanging lamps such as those in the home economics apartment.

Next, will be the removal of the radiators and installation of a low, runner-type radiator which will fit under the window seats. The window seats will be built in over the radiators and around the TV and phonograph. Foam rubber cushions covered in a fabric to match the wallpaper design will be used.

Mary Ann Ward, chairman, stated that a neutral grey-colored asphalt will be placed on the floor. It was also stated that three walls, wood work and ceiling will be repainted in a blue-grey color. The ceiling will be in a much deeper shade.

The furniture chosen will include a two-piece sectional

sofa, a work table of wrought iron, six straight chairs to match the table, a coffee table, easy chairs, and a new phonograph.

The remodeling is expected to be done during Christmas vacation and redecoration completed so that the lounge will be ready for use next semester.

LIVELY DANCERS ON WORLD TODAY SERIES



The two dancers shown above are part of the troupe, "The Gay Tyroliere", which will perform here on December 1, 1954.

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Riding the candy cane are (from left to right): Lucille McCarty, Grayce Stadler, Charlotte Carter, Juanita Brueeer, Aseistant Dean Susan Wood and Dean Elmer Rowley.

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CHRISTMAS EVE IN OUR TOWN

The "loop" is quiet. The store windows are all lit up, but somehow they seem different. Very few shoppers are left on the street. Candy canes gleam all in a row up and down Chicago Street. A few drowsy snowflakes come floating down to earth. The bells of the Salvation Army have stopped their ringing. The only bells heard are those of the church bells pealing, "He is born! He is born!" The few cars fly by—all in a hurry to get home to prepare for the coming of Christmas. The city lines buses stand empty and

sad, far from crowded as they were just a few short hours ago. The newboy stamps his feet and blows on his hands, wishing he were home. There is a feeling of peace on Christmas Eve.

As we pass the churches, the coming of the Lord seems very close. Faint sounds of carols can be heard in the air. Time goes by and it snows a little harder. Now, the streets are busy again with people on their way to church. Suddenly, it stops snowing and the sky is beautifully clear and bright. A star glitters brightly in the east. Peace settles over the loop once again as Christmas Eve passes and Christmas comes.—Kathie Benton.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

(Contributions to this department must be accompanied by name and address of student. Name withheld on request.)

Dear Editor:

The present relationship between the United States and Red China is anything but comfortable. We don't profess to be authorities on the subject, but since it indirectly pertains to students of this school, we feel justified in making some comment.

At least 39 Americans are now serving prison terms in Red China. It would be safe to say there are many more, the exact number unknown.

Many of these are servicemen who were aiding in the defense of their country. The present administration in Washington has apparently written these men off as cold war expendables.

This country could send notes to Red China from now

until judgement day and still accomplish nothing in behalf of the imprisoned Americans. Certainly it was no surprise when the Heds refused to acknowledge the American protest.

Secretary of State Dulles and President Eisenhower have both stated that the government will use all feasible means to secure the release of our countrymen. All feasible peaceful means, that is. They will not consider a blockade of the Chinese mainland.

We would like to know, like Senator Knowland, who favors a blockade, just what these peaceful means are. We are not advocating war with Red China, but surely, something can be done.

Our country is not displaying traditional Americanism in this matter. The United States has its honor and prestige to uphold, in reference to these terrible acts, in the eyes of the free countries of the West.

Letters of condolence from our leaders to the families of the imprisoned Americans won't justify this unjust, unscrupulous and uncalled for action by the Communists against these young men.

The majority of the men here at Joliet Junior College have yet to see military service. It's bad enough to have our education interrupted by the draft, but to be forced to serve in a capacity where we chance a life in a Communist concentration camp, is too much.

We don't object to serving our country, but we, too, would like some protection, some assurances that we won't be written off as "cold war expendables."

--Interested
(Name withheld)

CHRISTMAS PARTY TO ADD TO HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES

There will be an all-school Christmas party on December 17 in the dance studio. Reno Canava, general chairman, has announced that there will be plenty of fun, entertainment and refreshments. The fun will start at 3 p.m. and end somewhere around 5 p.m.

The following people are in charge: Reno Canava, general chairman; Patsy Bajt, entertainment; Sylvia Storey and Miss Skidmore, refreshments; Carol Des Sims, invitations; Dick Foster and Sylvia Juricic, decorations; Dan McHabb, clean-up; Mary Lou Kofoid and Karl Gray, publicity.

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'55 TO BE USHERED IN WITH INFORMAL DANCE IN THE GYMNASIUM

"Auld Lang Syne!"

Once again junior collegians will usher in the New Year and bid farewell to the old.

Tony Princes and his orchestra will furnish the music as the annual J. J. C. New Year's Eve dance is held in the combined gymnasiums.

The informal affair is scheduled to begin at 9:30 and end at 1 a.m.

Privilege cards will be honored. Single admission tickets are \$1.50.

According to early committee reports, a unique decorations system is being worked out around balloons.

The general chairman for the dance is Bev Almborg, assisted by co-chairman Marje Seron.

Other committee heads are Carol Benjamin, decorations; Jean Norris, refreshments; Joyce Erickson, invitations; Jerry Benninger, publicity.

STUDENT COURT TO RULE CONDUCT IN SMOKER AND RECREATION ROOMS

By a unanimous decision, a second draft of a constitution for a student court was approved by the Student Council at a recent meeting. Two dissenting votes were cast on the first draft.

The Council reached its decision in order to protect the student body's interests and privileges in the lounge and smoker.

Under the present interpretation, the court would "punish and prosecute any violators of rules and regulations" drawn up by the Council. The court is to work in cooperation with the junior college administration at all times.

Council members feel that "if the student body will accept the proposal in the spirit in which it is being presented, the J. J. C. student body will not only protect its interests, but develop school morale, as well as learn valuable lessons in citizenship."

The court is to consist of three judges, serving in rotation. The judges will be the presidents of the two classes and the Student Council. These are Reno Canava, Bill Carnegie and Ted Weber.

If a defendant is found guilty by the jury, it will be the duty of the judge to "recommend and pass sentence" according to the constitution of the court. The jury will consist of the remainder of the 16 seat Student Council, with only five members serving at any one "trial".

"Conviction must be unanimous and by secret vote of

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the jury without the presence of the defendant....questioning is to be done by the jury!"

Any student "in good standing may bring a charge against a violator of any rule or regulation... Punishment will be the loss of one type of privilege or another." The court is scheduled to meet once a week.

The two dissenting votes on the first draft were due to a lack of provision in behalf of the defense. This has since been corrected so that the defense may have a public defender from the student body to "support him". "If the defendant has no preference, the council shall select a public defender for him."

The Council is presently planning an assembly at which the court will be presented to the student body. Each person attending the assembly will receive a copy of the court plan. It has been suggested that the student body be allowed to amend the plan, if so desired, at this assembly.

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JOHNSTON ANNOUNCES J. C. PLAY "DOUBLE DOOR" PRESENTATION FOR MARCH

"Double Door", a mystery drama, written by Elizabeth McFadden, has been selected for presentation March 25 and 26, 1955, according to Mr. B.F. Johnston, the J. C. Players' sponsor. The play has been very popular with college and little theatre groups for years.

The setting is the Van Bret mansion on Fifth Avenue, New York City, in the year of 1910 and the story concerns the ruthless Victoria Van Bret

who rules her sister and her half-brother with a maniac's firmness. In a dark room, unchanged since her father's death, Victoria goes through her cheerless routine with cruel regularity. How Victoria tortures her half-brother's bride with studied austerity and finally tries to murder her is the malevolent burden of the play.

The cast of twelve includes: Avery, a middle-aged housekeeper; Telson, a butler; Louise, a maid; William, a footman; Victoria Van Bret, a wealthy, middle-aged socialite; Caroline Van Bret, her timid sister; Rip Van Bret, her sensitive half-brother; Anne, Rip's bride; John Sully, friend of Rip and Anne; Mr. Neff, a lawyer; Mr. Chase, an elderly Tiffany salesman; and Lambert, a tough detective.

Although the J. C. Players sponsor the annual three-act play, anyone in junior college is eligible and welcome to try-out or help in back-stage capacities. Mr. Johnston is particularly interested in contacting students who would be interested in scene design and constructing the necessary 1910 costumes.

Try-outs will be held in January during the first part of the new semester. Rehearsals will be held from 4 to 6 each day after school for the first several weeks. Later, they will run from 4 to 6:30 or 7 p.m. Only students who will be free during those hours, five days a week, should plan on trying out for parts.

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Happy New Year!
from the Blazer staff

MEN !! ENROLL NOW IN HOME ECONOMICS

by Fatsy Bajt

The homemaking department of the junior college is growing steadily. It now has eight different subjects to offer to those interested in the field. This includes men as well as girls. One of the most popular courses in which the men enroll is Home and Family Living. This course is designed to help young men and girls understand the significance of their responsibilities as family members—present and future—and to provide scientific knowledge about personality development, mate selection, adjustment problems of marriage, money management and establishment of the home.

Child Development is a course which is popular with the girls of junior college. It helps them gain understanding of the basic philosophies of child development from the pre-natal period through early childhood. They also have the opportunity to observe and work with children in their "play school" which lasts for a period of six weeks.

Other courses offered to junior college students are: Introduction to Home Economics, Textiles and Clothing, Meal Preparation, Social Arts, and Houses and Furnishings.

There are forty-five men and girls enrolled in home economics classes and twelve girls following a home economics major. Others may select any home economics course which is of special interest to them. All courses are of value to girls planning to keep house.

MICHIGAN, HERE WE COME FOR A WINTER HOLIDAY

"Walking in a winter wonderland" is what a lot of J. J. C. students will be doing in February if all goes well. The wonderland is to be Iron Mountain, Kingsford, Michigan.

Here, in Michigan's high-altitude snow belt, in the pine-covered slopes on the mountain of iron, is a winter sports paradise.

A student needn't be an expert at skiing, skating, ski-joring, sleighing, snowshoeing, tobogganing, or bob-sledding to enjoy the clear, pine-scented air, the tall pine forests, the vast stretches of diamond-bright snow, the blue skies, or to view the breathtaking magic of the true North Woods.

Mr. Bondar, who may accompany a student group on this trip, stated that the prices for the entire weekend would be about thirty dollars. He also said that the trip might be made with students from Rockford Junior College. A definite date has not been set.

Final plans are being made and will be released later. Anyone interested should see Mr. Bondar.

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RADIO AND TV FOR EVERY ENGLISH ROOM IS CHRISTMAS WISH

With the holiday almost upon us, a Blazer reporter thought that some J. J. C.ers and faculty might like to tell what they want for Christmas:

Pete Skioles: a cadaver
John Hope: a new car heater
Dennis Keating: a bowling ball
Dureen Hendrich: a gag for
Heno Canova
Loretta Plavic: a typewriter

er that does my homework for me
Gregg Vandarakis: a girl friend
Margaret Klavins: a longer vacation
Don Lundberg: a hot bottle of Sake
Rosa Mae Williams: have my boy friend home for Christmas
Palmer Kloster: a cure for polio
Larry Reams: world peace
Sylvia Jurkovich: no more wars
Hubert Reeves: a job with the army
Miss Hudzietz: a pair of skates for the business education teachers so they can make it from the front offices to their classrooms in shorter time.
Mrs. Libberton: longer lunch hours.
Miss Adler: a television set and radio for every English classroom

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BOB ROSS HELPS LEAD WOLVES TO 111-56 VICTORY

The J. J. C. "Wolves" ground out a decisive 111-56 victory over Purdue Extension for a nice start of the '54-'55 basketball season.

The team looked good, but as the score indicates, they had no real opposition.

The real test of the team came on Tuesday, November 30, when they met Fort Sheridan. Sheridan boasted an All American center, who hit 26 points, and a couple of men who had graduated from universities. The "Wolves" went down in defeat, for their first loss.

On December 2, the first conference game was played against Elgin who had posted wins over Morton and LaGrange. The "Wolves", led by Pete

Grubisich's 12 points, out-distanced Elgin, 80-61. The team was fast and rebounded very well. There were quite a few fouls in the game and the scoring was pretty evenly distributed.

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LETTER AND JACKET AWARDS MADE BY COACH WALSER

This year, Coach Heru Walsen gave ten jacket and fourteen letter awards. These are made on the basis of quarters played. In a season of nine games, twenty quarters or the equivalent of five full games, are needed for a jacket award, twelve for letters. In a season of eight games, eighteen quarters or the equivalent of four and a half games are needed for a jacket and ten are needed for a letter. A person cannot receive two major awards in the same sport.

Here are the award winners of the '54 season: Jacket award winners—Paul Biers, Chuck Bray, Sherald Gordon, Bob King, Brunch Lehman, Jack Pellegrini, Bill Rickhoff, Bob Tietz, Dale Vercellotti, Stan Waznis.

Letter awards were made to: Bob Cassidy, Buzz Dinoffri, Joe Doll, Bud Pazio, Elmer Giampolo, Gordie Giarrants, Tony Kambic, Bill Misichia, Sam Pribish, Pete Vaira, Jos Wilson, Jim Yahnke, and managers Don Larson and Jan Madjak.

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MARIAN DUBOIS REIGNS AS FALL FORMAL QUEEN

Two full pages of pictures from the Fall Formal are printed in the center of the Blazer. Marian DuBois reigned as Queen and her court included Audrey Smigay, Phyllis Olive, Carole Miller, Sylvia Jurkovic, Jo Kutting, Alice Burke, Carol Anderson.





POST OFFICE IS POPULAR PLACE AT CHRISTMAS TIME FOR STUDENTS TO HIRE OUT AS SANTA'S HELPERS

As the Christmas season approaches, a great many J. J. C. students' thoughts are turning toward part-time jobs to earn some extra spending money for gifts.

One of the most popular Christmas time jobs seems to be at the United States Post Office which hires a number of students to work for the first three weeks preceding Christmas.

The students are hired as clerks, to sort the mail and see that it goes to the right places at the right time, and carriers, who deliver the mail to the addressees.

Some of the men who are going to do this work are: Tony Kambic, Stanley Waznie, Lip-py Lepacek, Buge Haller, Lee Pesavento and Guy Greene.

XMAS OR CHRISTMAS by Ed Corwin

Some two thousand years ago on December 25th, in a small stable in Jerusalem, a man was born. He soon became the man who has had more effect on the world than any other. He was the Son of God and came into the world to save it. To accomplish this end, he who was perfect, died the death of a criminal that others might live.

Some time after his death, it became a custom among his followers to celebrate his birthday and to give thanks to God on that day for the gift given them, God's son. This custom has persisted even to the present day, only somehow the meaning has seemingly changed.

Christmas time is fast becoming one of the most frivolous of all Western festive

Students also work in nearly every branch of retailing and its associated fields. Bill Lauderdale and Ron Johnston are working in shoe stores. Bob Shive is working at a sporting goods store, Bing Glad-ders, Bob Riley and Ken Greg-orich all work at clothing stores. Ernie Stover is working at a furniture store and Larry Kambic is working at a super market.

There are many more J. J. C. students working at Christmas time, including girls who have part-time jobs. Time and space do not allow a complete list and the Blazer's reporter found it impossible to interview all of over 500 students which make up the college student body.

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season. During the months of December and January, liquor sales go up by 40 per cent. Bars and taverns enjoy their most prosperous months. Cities have to have extra aid for law enforcement during this season to keep the mass of humanity which floods shopping centers in check. The rate of drunken drivers arrested is at its peak. There are more people killed in auto and miscellaneous accidents than in any other period of the year--deaths caused by celebrating people. Celebrating what? The birth of a righteous savior?

Most people don't even take time to think or realize what Christmas really means. Christ is rapidly disappearing from the scene. This is well symbolized by the advertising seen around. You see the (Continued on page 9)

ALASKA COMING TO SCHOOL JANUARY 5

If you are seeking travel, adventure, excitement, you can find them all and more if you attend the "World Today Series" which is sponsored by our own Joliet Junior College.

There are programs to satisfy all interests, such as travel, science, music, and foreign affairs. These subjects will help you to learn more about the ever-changing parade of world events that is shaping the future.

The next attraction on the "World Today" agenda features the dramatic story of an "Alaskan Sea Safari" as described vividly by Len Stuttmann, biologist, lecturer and photographer. Mr. Stuttmann describes Alaska in the fullness of its wilderness glory, telling of the trout fishing and the Alaskan Indian in his natural habitat.

December 2 a musical program was presented by the "Gay Tyroliere", a troupe of fourteen men and women direct from Kitzbuhel, Austria. They presented their native songs and dances to the music of zither, accordion and guitar. One of the highlights of the program was a four-part yodeling piece which many who attended said they had never heard done in such resplendent fashion.

Student privilege cards will be honored for admission. Tickets available for the general public are as follows: season ticket, \$4.00; single admission, \$1.00.

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VANCE IS PHOTOGRAPHER

Ronald Vance, an eighteen year old freshman, is the Blazer's photographer.

XMAS OR --

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word "Xmas" more often than "Christmas".

A large store in Denver had a display of the manger scene in its largest window. Every fifteen minutes a record played a biblical verse. In the center of the crowd a middle-aged woman was heard to proclaim loudly in disgust, "They're even trying to get religion into Christmas these days!" While this may not represent the view of very many people, it certainly shows how far we have gotten from the original meaning of Christmas.

I think we should take inventory on our ideals and actions and endeavor to put Christ back into Christmas.

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WORLD PERSONALITY HAS MANY COURSES TO PURSUE AT J.J.C.

Our personality of the month is someone known to every student and employee of Joliet Junior College. He is about 5' 2", weighs about 279 pounds and has beautiful blue eyes. His hair, and he has a lot of it, has turned snow-white because of a deadline he must reach each year. Lines and lines could be used to express his personality. It's really terrific!

It is not generally known, but Mr. Personality is enrolled in many courses at J. J. C. He's taking (1) home economics, so he can learn to make better Christmas goodies (2) psychology, which he hopes to use on all of his little helpers, and, of course (3) college choir, so he can sing while enroute to see all of his friends.

If you haven't guessed who our personality is by now, he's JOLLY OLD ST. NICK.

TUXIS DANCE

"Snowflake Fantasy" is the name of the Tuxis formal this year. Tony Prince and his orchestra will play from 9 to 12 p.m. on December 29 for the event.

This year's formal will be held in the gym of the First Presbyterian Church. Tickets are \$2.00 per couple and can be secured from any member of the organization.

Bob Noble and Chip Hucksins are in charge of decorations. Don Haines is president of the group.

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J. J. C. ORATORIO SOCIETY
PRESENTS ANNUAL "MESSIAH"
FEATURING SIX SOLOISTS

by Perry Rudman

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The Joliet Junior College Oratorio Society and the Junior College Little Symphony presented their fourth annual performance of George Frederick Handel's "Messiah". The orchestra and chorus were conducted by Mr. Peter Labelle, although the work of preparing the choir was done by Dr. Hal Dellinger. Six outstanding soloists performed in the "Messiah".

Miss Flo Daniel, daughter of Mr. Edward J. Daniel, sang a soprano solo. Miss Daniel has had much experience in concert, light opera work and is soprano soloist at the First Presbyterian Church of Joliet. She is a student of Mr. Thomas MacBurney of Chicago.

Miss Joan Hollister, soprano, has studied with Mr. Hiram Converse and Mr. Morris Ellison. She was active in the high school Madrigal organization and had the lead in the high school operetta.

"Rose Marie." She is now director of the junior and senior choirs of Homer Congregational church and is active as soprano soloist in social and club activities of Joliet.

A contralto solo was sung by Anne Prentice Beckham. Miss Beckham studied three years at the Western Ontario Music School in Canada, and graduated with a performer's degree. She spent two years at London, Ontario, singing solo parts in such productions as the "Magic Flute" by Mozart. Miss Beckham was contralto soloist for five years with the United Center Church of London, Ontario and has appeared on many radio programs, recitals, and was soloist at Good Friday services at the Rialto Theater.

Another contralto soloist was Mrs. Ruth E. Schreff. She is a graduate of Earham College, Richmond, Ind., and also the Westminster Choir, Princeton, N. J. While studying at Princeton, Mrs. Schreff became a member of the Westminster Choir and toured extensively in the United States and Europe with them. Mrs. Schreff was the former organist of St. Paul's Lutheran church of Richmond and the Presbyterian church of New Brunswick, N. J., as well as being sub-dean of Middlesex Chapter of American Guild of Organists. At present, she is organist of the Oratorio Society and director of the junior choir of the First Presbyterian church of Wilmington.

Mr. Kent Camper, tenor soloist, attended Marshall College, Huntington, W. Va., University of Cincinnati and Ohio State University. Mr. Camper has appeared in lead-
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ing roles with Theatre Productions, Inc. shows and in opera with Chataqua Opera Co., Chataqua, New York. In radio work, Mr. Camper was featured on WSAZ, Huntington and WSOU, Columbia, Ohio. During World War II, Mr. Camper travelled extensively as a member of a team called Kent and Novella. Currently, Mr. Camper is booking with Music Corporation of America, out of New York.

The bass soloist was Mr. Arthur E. Schroff. Mr. Schroff received his bachelor of music degree from Westminster Choir College, Princeton, N. J. He traveled as a member of the Westminster Choir from coast to coast in the United States. Mr. Schroff has sung under such great music geniuses as Arturo Toscanini, Leopold Stokowaky, Bruno Walter and Jose Iturbi. Mr. Schroff was director of choir of the Presbyterian church, New Brunswick, N. J., and also conducted the Industrial Choir of that town. He directed the New Brunswick Oratorio in their production of the "Messiah".

The performance here is part of a series of musical events prepared by the junior college music department and known by the title of "The Greater Joliet Concert Series, 1954-55." The price for the whole series is \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for students.

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DIALOGUE

Q: What is the difference between results and consequences?

A: Results are what you expect and consequences are what you get.

CHRISTMAS TEN YEARS AGO

by Margaret Klavins

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Probably none of you have ever spent Christmas without a Christmas tree and all the other "necessities" of that season. Well, it isn't much fun, especially when you are only nine years old.

My first Christmas in Germany was spent in a refugee transit camp. The room, which we shared with twenty other people, was used as a living and bedroom. The washrooms were in another barracks and so was the kitchen where we got our meals. The meals were so good that most people were sick. The weather was cold, too.

On this Christmas Eve, there was a children's Christmas party. In our unheated barracks was a huge Christmas tree with only a few candles as decorations on it and beside it stood Santa distributing presents for the children. It was too cold to enjoy the party so we went back to our own barracks. There, we, the children, could enjoy ourselves, because we had our presents and all the upper bunks as our playground and that was very fortunate.

Meanwhile, the adults seemed in a depressed mood. Most of them sat quietly, some crying. All of them were probably thinking of home. In the next room, some were trying to sing Christmas carols, which seemed even more depressing.

On Christmas day, there was a church service in the same unheated barracks where the party had been the day before. Most of the people went to the service and stood

in the cold silently, with bowed heads and frozen tears on their cheeks. That was all we had for Christmas.

World War II is over now. The families that were homeless then have found homes now. But there have been other wars and more people are homeless. Every Christmas, I have to think of the Christmas ten years ago and of all the people who might be homeless now, while I can enjoy myself.

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IS CHRISTMAS JUST FOR KIDS?

by Marilyn Heitmann

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"Christmas is just for the kids." Is that your opinion, too? I heard someone say it the other day on a city lines bus. The conversation had begun with a comment about the congestion downtown and how the Christmas season just makes extra work for everybody.

"Everybody rushes around to get someone else a trinket in hopes of getting something in return," remarked a man.

"Yes, and by Christmas time everybody is too tired to enjoy himself anyway," answered a young girl.

"Christmas is just for the kids," was his comment. The conversation ended on that note and has been on my mind since.

Has Christmas reached the point where it means nothing to us but stacks of "brightly" wrapped packages sitting under a "gayly trimmed tree" waiting for little Johnny or Mary to open them? Is Christmas a time for buying a trinket for a friend just because "she gave me something last year and I was so embarrassed because I had nothing for her"? Is it a time reserved for lies? (Continued on page 11)

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 "ening to a few songs which have been put away all year and can now be brought out of mothballs for a few weeks and played to death? Is it a time for some people, who haven't seen the inside of a church since last Easter, to start attending the neighborhood church for a few weeks? Is it a time for stores to put out all of their stock (at slightly higher prices) and get out the green and red crepe paper and plastic snow in preparation for a siege of weary shoppers?

To many people, the meaning of Christmas goes no deeper than aching feet and bodies and a day, at the end of Advent, when one can sit down, open his presents, and eat.

Yet, if everyone would think about it at every Christmas season, we might regain some of the original meaning. With a little serious thought, we realize that Thanksgiving is a good preparation for Christmas. We have many things to thank God for, here in America, but most of all, we should thank God for giving us his Son those many years ago. There is the meaning of Christmas; it is the celebration of Christ's birth. Today it has become a "sell-a-bration."

We all know the Christmas story. What is it that makes the Christ child so different from others born in the same times? If we were to ask where Pontius Pilate or a great Roman senator was born, we would probably have to do a great deal of research. Why then, is a carpenter's son the subject of so much literature?

There were strange occurrences at the time of his

birth: the shepherds' visitation by the angels and the three wise men following a star. After this infant grew to manhood, he changed the thinking of those around him. His philosophy has changed the lives of millions of people, and he has changed the face of God from one of a stern judge to that of a loving father. If we thought a little more about this child and why he was born, perhaps we would find Christmas a time of joy, watching others' faces when they open our gifts, rather than a moment when, opening our own package, of thinking "oh, oh! Aunt Sadie has done it again—another vase for the attic."

Maybe it could be a time when we sing a few songs we are all glad to have back for a while. Perhaps it could be a time of renewed interest in the activities of our churches, the whole year around.

These things we often hear referred to as "Christmas spirit". We've heard it so often, that it has become stale and after a certain age even Santa Claus becomes "kid stuff".

Did you ever stop to analyze Santa, though? To me, he is the real spirit of Christmas because he gives and never asks in return, just as a young man, about two thousand years ago, gave his life for us and asked nothing in return.

Yes, Christmas is a day for kids, all right—kids of all ages who know and love the story of Christmas.

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SHOULD SANTA CLAUS

BE CENSURED?

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by George L. Preston
 During the course of his term in office, any public

figure may make mistakes and be taken to task for his misdeeds.

It has been alleged by some prominent six year old boys and girls, that Santa Claus has used his name and office to influence them unduly to be good around Christmastime. Of course, this coercion was carried out by their parents, on the basis of whether or not Santa would bring toys on Christmas Eve. It was also charged that Santa has not been answering children's letters and also that he never brought exactly what they had ordered.

These charges were so serious that Santa's associates, the Elves, investigated his activities while in office. While the hearings were being held, Santa admitted he had been lax in performing his duties to some bad children. He made his mistake, however, when he called by name some of the children who had been bad. This fact caused undue hardships to the children involved, since they could not pursue their usual mischievous ways and had to be as good as angels for the several weeks preceding Christmas.

It is this group which is spearheading the movement to have Santa Claus censured. Since the same issues have been raised every year, however, it is felt that nothing will be done and Santa will always remain in the hearts of all children, no matter how old they may be—six or sixty.

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OUCH!

Dad: Son, do you know the value of a dollar?

Son: Yes, that's why I asked for two!

THE LITTLE FIR TREE

by Francis Donelly

Night fell and the little fir trees stood all alone swaying in the cold December wind. Then he heard a noise. Someone was coming nearer and nearer to him!

The noise stopped and there stood a man with a shovel in his hand. The man dug up the little tree and carried it down the mountain. As the man approached the house, the little tree could see one of his big brothers inside the house, all decorated, with presents under his limbs.

The man stopped in front of a hole in the ground about two feet square. He set the tree in the hole and filled it in. Then he put lights and ornaments on the tree and turned the lights on.

This was what the little tree wanted, for now he would go on living and growing. Every year he would be decorated while his brother in the house would be gone forever.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

by Dale Vercellotti

One of the great problems of Christmas shopping today is transportation. If you drive a car, you have to battle your way through town and once you get there, there is no place to park.

Some people say, "Take a bus. This is as bad as driving a car downtown. You have to stand in the cold and wait for the bus. When it comes, you can hardly get in the darn thing. Once inside, you are mauled, beaten, scratched, and trampled half to death.

So, if you have a lot of Christmas shopping to do, remember the mail order catalog.

CHRISTMAS AT SEA

by John Ahrens

On November 30, 1952, the weather ship, Chataqua, departed from San Francisco, California, for a routine thirty day weather patrol off of the Aleutian Islands. This meant we would be out to sea for Christmas and would have no leaves. Because of this the morale of the crew was very low.

A few days before Christmas, in our starboard mess deck, we decorated a Christmas tree which we had brought from San Francisco.

On December 24, the captain decided we would have a party. So, Christmas Eve we played bingo. Prizes were candy, soap, toothpaste, etc. The prizes were supplied by the ship's store. We had some very nice music furnished by the Armed Forces Radio Service in Japan. Most of the men were singing along with the Christmas carols on the radio.

I had to leave the party early because I had the sight to midnight lookout watch on the bridge.

The next morning, the deck force was mustered below decks because the temperature was 3 degrees above zero and the passageways were full of ice. The orders for the day were to chop away the ice from the gun mounts, then secure work for the day.

At 11:30 a.m. the chow call came over the public address system. No one hesitated because everyone knew we were

having turkey dinner with all of the trimmings.

After eating our noon meal, we watched a movie in our starboard mess deck. Our evening meal consisted of left-over turkey. Christmas night we played some more bingo and had home-made ice cream and cake.

A few days later, our relief ship came, so we wasted no time heading back to the States. We received our presents and mail when our ship arrived in San Francisco. So, no matter which corner of the world we Americans are in, we will always observe Christmas.

THE GIFT

by Jo Ann Ruffing

As Tom walked down the street women were rushing around doing their last minute Christmas shopping. He dodged one lady who was loaded down with packages. But he wasn't thinking about the people or Christmas.

Why had he said those things to her? He hadn't meant to. He just suddenly had been irritable. Tom loved her more than anyone in the world. How could he make it up to her?

Tom stopped short by a store window. How she loved earrings! He pulled out all the money he had—five dollars. After buying the earrings, he put the remaining change, twenty-seven cents, in his pocket and headed for home.

He raced through the door into the kitchen. There she was! He kissed her gently, put the package into her hands and said, "Merry Christmas, Mom."

The season's greetings to all.